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Capital Planning Committee Meeting Minutes November 9, 2006

In attendance were:

Steve Andrew *
 Steve Gilligan
 John FitzMaurice
 Charles Foskett, Chairman
 Nancy Galkowski
 Ruth Lewis*
 Anthony Lionetta
 Susan Mazzearella
 Barbara Thornton

* Denotes those not in attendance.

1. Acceptance of Minutes: Charlie Foskett called the meeting to order. Minutes of the November 2, 2006 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

2. Debt Limits: Steve Gilligan provided the requested information on the Town's current debt profile. Highlights are that the Town has a debt of around \$85 million and a remaining statutory borrowing capacity of about \$279 million. Reference is made to the sheet furnished by Steve for sub elements of the debt profile. In general, Arlington has a low debt to capacity ratio, as compared to other communities.

3. School Sub-Committee Report: Barbara Thornton reported on the sub committee's meeting on School Department requests. A written report was provided. Susan Mazzearella was asked to provide more detailed (project specific) information on the repairs to be undertaken with the \$280K (FY08) Request for School Improvements and \$150k (annual amount) Requests for Thompson/Stratton Schools. Susan stated that a report is due soon from the Architect, which will provide this information.

There was discussion on the merits of the \$10k Request for system-wide roof repairs (capital vs. maintenance). The CPC requested more specific information on the intended roofing projects to assist the CPC in making this distinction.

The request of \$40k (FY 09) for the Lowe Auditorium Rugs and Chairs was modified given that there is a balance of \$16k left over from a prior year for the Lowe Auditorium's HVAC account. This request was reduced to \$25K and moved to FY 10. Given that balances are still available from prior years, the Tile Asbestos Requests for \$25K in FY 08 and 10 were shifted to FY 09 and 11.

Field House requests were shifted to FY 2016 (plans) and FY 2017 (field house), given the overriding priority for new schools.

The \$20k for security systems at the High School was requested. There was discussion about a similar request for \$10k in FY 2003. It was also acknowledged that more funds may be needed in future years for this. Susan was asked to provide more specific information on

systems to be installed.

Nancy Galkowski noted that the planned request of \$110k (FY 08 item in last year's plan) for Bishop School Drainage has been dropped because remedial measure by DPW corrected the problem. Good News!!

The \$40k for a Food Van may be able to be reduced, but will be held at this amount for now.

Susan Mazarella reported the Peirce Field Improvements are nearly complete and that there will be around \$80K saving on the Concession Stand at Peirce Field, due to the efforts of Town staff. More Good News!!!

Relative to a prior year request for Ottoson Roof / Deck Plaza additional funds may be needed. Some of these funds were used to cover the extra costs that occurred on the High School Roof Project. (more than two layers of roofing were found to exist)

4. **School Plan:** Tony Lionetta asked about the present thinking on School Program raising the issue of Replacements vs. Rehabilitation (either one or two schools). This is currently being evaluated by the School Department. Findings will be reported to the CPC at a future date.
5. **Selectmen Sub-Committee Report:** Barbara Thornton reported on Selectmen requests for copier, chairs and the second year allocation for voting machines.
6. **Community Safety Building:** John FitzMaurice raised the idea of having the Architect for repairs to the Community Safety Building attend a CPC meeting to present what has to be done to the building. Nancy will arrange this (possibly at next week's meeting)
7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2006.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.